



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

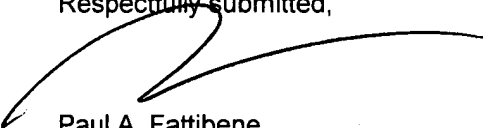
Dear Sir:

This is a petition for a **THREE-month** extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed **September 28, 2005**. A response to the shortened statutory period was due on **December 28, 2005**. Therefore, the extension will extend the period for response to **March 28, 2006**. A response in connection with this matter is being filed herewith and, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8, should be deemed as timely filed within the extension period.

The **small entity** extension fee for a **THRE-month** extension of time is **\$510.00**. The Fee Transmittal form PTO/SB/17 and Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 are being transmitted with this Petition and Fee for Extension of Time for payment of the required extension fee.

Although the undersigned believes that no further extension of time or fee is required, if a further extension of time or fee should be required, please consider this a petition therefore and authorization to the Commissioner to charge Account No. 06-0250.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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